

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 23 April 2018

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 23 APRIL 2018 AT 6:30 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th and 12th March 2018.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Joyce to make a statement on; "Building Trust in our Communities".

9. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

10. HONORARY RECORDER

11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

**12. DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS - HUNSBURY MEADOWS PARISH.
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Smith to propose and Councillor Russell to second:

“This Council notes the success of the night shelter in beginning to tackle rough sleeping in Northampton.

We are aware concerns remain with rough sleeping and hidden homelessness.

We are aware that women are a particularly vulnerable group and women with children even more so.

This council therefore commits to:-

- Investigating the full extent of hidden homelessness in Northampton, especially with regard to gender, ensuring women have full access to support.
- Using the full range of information available to it from partners to assess the demographic; including all protected characteristics, physical and mental disability, addiction, forensic history and immigration status, to produce regular reports.
- The reports will inform practice and service development to ensure that all service users’ individual needs are being met.
- The council will ensure that the homelessness service is a two-way process with service users fully consulted and involved with the provision of the services they use.
- developing a Housing First strategy to address the long term needs of its vulnerable single homeless population and resolves to investigate good practice examples of this”

ii) Councillor Birch to propose and Councillor Haque to second:

“There is national concern about keeping our communities safe and the concern is widespread in Northampton. We are seeing alarming rates of crime, with increases in violent crime, sexual crime, trafficking, vehicle thefts, burglary and drug related crime. We are particularly concerned that young children and young people are being exploited and sometimes also drawn into crime. We have a duty of care to our citizens and we must do all we can to keep them safe. This Council will therefore take the following actions:-

- Call an urgent Crime Summit with the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner so that we understand the full picture of crime in the town.
- Press the home secretary to improve policing including visible policing.
- Ask our Community Safety team to work with partners to produce a community safety strategy detailing what steps need to be taken to ensure safety in our communities”

iii) Councillor Larratt to propose and Councillor Hill to second:

Northampton Borough Council calls for the continued support of our local market and market traders. Consequently, this Council is proud that our market participates in the Love Your Local Market campaign organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA).

Love Your Local Market is an international initiative and the UK's largest annual celebration to promote retail and wholesale markets across the country.

To coincide with this year's initiative, and together with the Northampton Town Centre BID, the Council is organising workshops, street entertainment and other activities. This Council is delighted to be able to contribute to celebrating our town's history, innovation, experience, entrepreneurship, food and culture in a festival of market activities and events running from 17th to 31st May, and urges the public to support these events and our towns market offer".

iv) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Graystone to second:

"Northampton Borough Council welcomes the Government's Serious Violence Strategy launched this week by the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd. The strategy stresses the importance of early intervention to tackle the root causes of serious violence and steer young people away from crime in the first place, while ensuring the police continue to have the tools and support they need to tackle violent crime.

This Council has recognised the great importance of engaging with our young people early to help prevent them from being drawn into crime.

This motion, therefore, calls for support of this Council's collaborative work with the Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Youth Offending Service, University and Free to Talk in developing a training and awareness package that will be offered to schools, during our school's event in October, youth clubs and youth groups. The package will include a video, drama production and training, as well as educational awareness packs".

v) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Hibbert to second:

"'Cuckooing' is where gangs travel to towns and befriend vulnerable people in order to take over their home and use it to deal drugs.

Northampton Borough Council recognised the seriousness of this problem and has so far, through its Case Management Meetings for Cuckooing, arranged two training sessions for 40 frontline officers across NBC, Adult Social Care, Probation and the Police. Further two sessions have also been fully booked, which will train additional 40 officers.

This Council, working closely with the Police, calls on the public to help tackle the increasing problem of 'cuckooing' by looking for signs that their neighbours and friends

are being abused. These can include the householder having new associates and increased visitors throughout the day and night, an increased number of vehicles outside the property including taxis or hire cars and bags of clothing or bedding around their property or other signs that people may be staying at the address.

The support of the community is crucial for pursuing ‘cuckooing’ drug dealers and those who choose to engage themselves in the illegal supply of drugs and associated antisocial behaviour”.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

Francis Fernandes – Borough Secretary
The Guildhall
Northampton

Public Participation

1. Comments and Petitions

- 1.1 A member of the public (or an accredited representative of a business ratepayer of the Borough) may make a comment or present a petition on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. A comment or presentation of a petition shall be for no more than three minutes. No notice of the nature of the comment to be made or of the petition is required except for the need to register to speak by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

(Public comments and petitions will not be taken and the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

NOTES

- i. Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.*
- ii. The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.*

2. Member and Public Questions

- 2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:
- be submitted in writing and delivered, faxed or e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
 - include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.

- 2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

NOTES

In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council's Constitution and which may be viewed at www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919 or by seeking advice using the contact details below.

3. Motions

- 3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the 'Notices of Motion' item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The 'Notices of Motion' item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

5. Contacts

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